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WALKER STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CARE OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

MILWAUKEE - County Executive Scott Walker made the following statement in response to today's County Board Committee on Economic and Community Development votes:

"Milwaukee County's care of its residents suffering from mental illness took two major steps forward today with two positive actions by the board's Committee on Economic and Community Development. First, the committee approved appropriations to the United Christian Church/Cardinal Capital Management and the Guest House/Heartland Housing for the development of housing for persons with mental illness."

"Second, the committee approved expenditures to move forward on investigating the feasibility of the county acquiring the St. Michael's Hospital facility as a new home for the Behavioral Health Division's inpatient and nursing home operations."

"While both these actions are preliminary, they show the board's willingness to work with me to provide effective and long-range solutions to caring for our residents suffering from mental illness."

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